

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Azpuru, Carlos A.

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For: COATED IMPLANTS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of August 17, 2007 to February 17, 2008.

The statutory fee of \$1050.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS payment screen. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

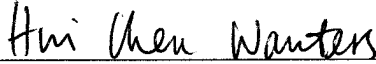
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